Allocation of Funds for ASI

2510. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India is suffering without sufficient funds; and

(b) if so, what arc the details of the remedies proposed by Government to allocate more funds for Archaeological Department of conduct their research in a better way?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) There is no acute shortage of funds in the Archaeological Survey of India for the conduct of academic research.

Special Economic Package for Tourism Industry in Jammu and Kashmir

2511. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism is the only key industry in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether terrorism has completely destroyed tourism in Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) whether steps would be taken by Government to extend special Economic package for rebuilding Tourist Industry in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Tourism is one of the key industries in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) Militancy in the State has adversely affected tourist traffic to the Kashmir Valley.

(c) and (d) Development of tourism infrastructure is primarily undertaken by the State Govern me nts/UT Administration